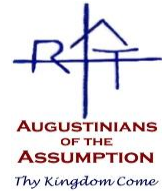


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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25th October – 1st November, 2014 Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (A)



Mass Times

Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am

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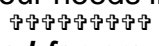
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If you are going into hospital please notify the RC Chaplain on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact the parish directly. When you come out of hospital or if you are ill and housebound please ring the parish office so we can minister to your needs if required.



If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



Parish Prayer Heavenly Father, we offer you our Parish of Our Lady and St Andrew. May all who seek love, solace and security in our midst find them through the Christ who is in us. May His Spirit move us to proclaim the Gospel joyously: in our homes, in our town, in our country and to our world. May Your Spirit guide and inspire us in all that we do to promote your kingdom every day. Amen.

Diary

Sunday 26th	Coffee Morning Kanyike Project
Monday 27th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 28th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	No Eucharistic service Union of Catholic Mothers Hall 8pm
Wednesday 29th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	RCIA Pastoral Office 7.30pm
Thursday 30th	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
	Choir Church 7.30pm
Friday 31st	NO PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
	Lectio Divina Pastoral office 2pm
Sunday 2nd	Coffee Morning Right to Life

Readings: Ex 22:20-26, Thess 1:5-10, Matt 22:34-40

Entrance antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

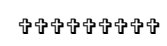
Psalm: **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Intercessions: Lord, hear us.....

Response: **Make us love you always!**

Next week: Apoc 7:2-4.9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Matt 5:1-12

Fr Michael is away this week, from Monday to Friday, on retreat, with other priests of the Diocese.



Items for discussion by our Parish Pastoral Council, should be handed into the Parish Office in the next few days.

Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

07582 648433

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.

This Weekend:

We will continue to pray for the Wedding Couples who attended the Preparation Day on Saturday, as they continue their preparations for celebrating their Covenant with each other.

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We rejoice with the family of **Eleanor Thaelke**, who completes her first stage of entry into the Church with the celebration of the remaining Baptism ceremonies, on Sunday afternoon.

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Our renewed appreciation and gratitude to all who helped with our Michaelmas Fair. The fair was a great success, raising over £4,000 to support the work of the Parish and Diapalante's education centre in Senegal. Just as valuable was the opportunity for so many of us to come together and offer our time, talents and gifts for a wonderful social occasion. It was so good to see so many people, of all ages enjoying the day together. Many thanks to you all. A breakdown of how the funds were raised will be on display in the porch. Thanks also to the people who turned up on Monday to take the excess items to the Hospice Warehouse. NB Some raffle prizes are still unclaimed. A list of winners is in the porch and the prizes are in the parish office.

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Next Weekend: is the Celebration of All Saints (our Saturday 1st Nov anticipated and Sunday 2nd Nov Masses). Monday (3rd Nov) is the Feast of All Souls, with Mass at 10am and an evening Mass at 7.30pm. It is a tradition that during the month, people who have friends or relations buried in our cemetery, make visits to remember them and pray with and for them.

Our **Memoriam Service** remembering our deceased Parishioners from the past year will be Sunday **16th November at 6.15pm**. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray and light candles for their deceased family members or friends.

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The Month of November is our time for praying for all deceased people who form part of the Communion of Saints. Envelopes are available on the table between the doors at the back of the Church for names and donations for Masses during the month.

Diary

Tuesday 28 October

8pm: The Union of Catholic Mothers will join in the floral display by Cathy White in the Hall. Please remember your gifts for the Christmas hampers

Other Items of Interest

Our Lady's School, has achieved a remarkable success in the School's work for phonics, we have received a letter from the Minister of State for School Reform stating that we are in the top 2% of all the Schools in the country having achieved a 100% for the work carried out in this area. Well done to our children and Staff, thanks to all concerned for such a wonderful result!

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We are on the look out for few Parishioners: who might have time, hopefully on a rota basis, to support us achieve the suggestions that the Diocese is asking Parishes to make, regarding counting other items of cash (totally separate from the excellent work that our Sunday Groups do with the parish Collections), which need to be counted by teams of people, but during the weekday, preferably the mornings, if you have time to give, please contact the Parish Office and leave your details. Many thanks for your generosity.

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The Pastoral Parish Council is also on the lookout for a Clerk, as Jocelyn Darley, who has served us magnificently for the past four or more years, needs to step down from this task, owing to family commitments. We are extremely grateful to her for her quiet work in the background, to ensure that our Meetings are organised and minuted. The duties would centre on the six Meetings we have per year, creating the Minutes, circulating them and then preparing draft Agendas for Meetings as they come due. If anyone has any experience in such work and would like to offer themselves for these tasks, please contact the Parish Office or Roger Lawrence-Hyde, the Chair for more details.

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Children's Liturgy needs your help. Thanks to those people who following the recent appeal at the 10.30 Mass offered to help with the children's liturgy, we will be in touch soon regarding training and the rota. We are still on the lookout for anyone who could help 2-3 times per term to lead or help with the Sunday sessions. Let Trish know if you can help. We also need someone to manage the rota and produce it once a term and arrange cover when people are unable to attend. The workload is small but important. You do not need to be part of the children's liturgy team to do this role. Please let Trish know asap if you can help. Thanks in anticipation.